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## From your President

In this edition of An Canach, I must share some bad news along with all the good news. We have lost a number of our members and you will read about them in other places, but this is my place and I have to share with you my loss. On 9 March 1996 at about 10 a.m., my father, Blair Eliot Henderson, suffered a heart attack and died. My mother, Sara Hartz Henderson, was his wife for over sixty-seven years and followed his career from their first home to thirty-nine others. They were presented twice at the Court of St. James, entertained King George VI at the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp at Fort Hunt, Virginia, then walked in the King's funeral procession. He travelled to Europe, North and South America, the South Pacific, and Japan. The emotion shared by those who knew him was that he was a great man who had touched many lives. We will miss him.

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I said that there was good news and the first bit of it shows me that the Family Plan was working—and that is really good news! By the time I arrived in Phoenix to be with my mother, members of Clan Henderson were reacting to provide support. John and Mary Jane Henderson from New York and Don and Virginia Henderson from Arizona were on hand. John played "Amazing Grace" at the memorial service and, two days later, Don Henderson played "Flowers of the Forest" at the Kirkin' held at the same church. Back in Virginia, the outpouring of concern and attendance at his ceremony at Arlington Cemetery continued to show how the Clan is becoming a family. We thank you.

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In the Bodyguard's article, you will read about Rex and Pat Maddox's planned attendance at the Games of 1996. I have found the reaction to their being present at an event to be interesting. In some cases, the Commissioner was glad to have them available to run the tent, or to lead the walk-about, or to run the COSCA table. In other cases the local Convenor, the Regional Officer responsible for gathering the Clan at the Games, ex-



Pipers John, Gary, and Don Henderson led the Walkabout at Phoenix. John and Gary were visiting from New York.

pected for them to run the tent..

Those responses and others are not what we expect. I am using this space to ask you to read the article to see if your local event is on the list. If it is, please plan on being at the event and plan to learn from them. They are not there to do your local business, but they are a valuable asset. They will share their knowledge to help you learn more about Clan Henderson and how it gathers the Clan in other locations, how our local genealogists help others locate their clans and Hendersons locate their ancestors. Rex will help the Convenor to understand the role of the Bodyguard and train local leaders and members in their duties.

Please take full advantage of their presence!

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Cousin Bob Henderson has been at it again. Sitting out there in Loveland, Colorado, he has updated the COSCA information that you Convenors use to help visitors find their clan. You may get your copy by writing to Vice President Danny Henderson (Address on page 23).

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In case you missed the several articles about the Annual General Meeting being at the Longs Peak Games in Estes Park, Colorado, in September; in case you missed South West Regional Commissioner Robert Henderson's plea for you to make your reservations and his letter asking that officers and members from the western half of our society to plan to be there; and, in case you thought your Clan Officers never came west, let me assure you that this AGM and Games will be the best attended Gathering yet.

# Clan Mail

19 February 1996  
Mesa, AZ

Dear Cousin Russell,

What a thrill it was for me to see the article in *An Canach* regarding the Hendersons of Mecklenberg County, NC! "My" John Henderson was numbered 3 among the Hendersons L.D.Bass, Jr. mentioned.

I assume that Mr. Bass is having the same problem with genealogy that I am; finding the arrival of these Hendersons from Scotland. I do know that they came into Lancaster County, PA, but that's all I know.

In my possession is a hardbound book written by Lottie McWhorter tracing the family as far back as she can. It is filled with anecdotes in addition to the basic family tree.

If I can be of help to anyone who is trying to trace this particular branch of the family, or if someone out there has gotten further in the search than I have, I would love to

hear from him/her.

See you at the Gathering in Mesa next weekend!

Sincerely,

*Kate Wyatt*

31 January 1996  
Natchitoches, LA

Dear Russ

Many thanks for the article on the Henderson's of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. I am a descendent of Cairns Henderson and Elizabeth Robinson, through his son Michael, and I had no idea who Elizabeth's father and mother were. Now, thanks to the fine research of Mr. Bass, I was able to trace her parents, Andrew Robinson and Agnes Boal back across the water. The Robinsons came from Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Agnes Boal's family originated in Govan, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Her father's name was John Boal and her mother was Agnes Shanks. The Shanks family may have originated in Angus.

I love adding new branches to the family tree! Again, thanks for a very enlightening article.

Sincerely,

*Robert Henderson Shielton*

31 January 1996

Dear Russell,

You always put out a fine magazine. Every issue is a delight to read, but I particularly want to thank you for including in the January 1996 issue the interesting article by L D Bass Jr. "Hendersons in Mecklenburg County, NC." I suppose that many Henderson genealogists have worked hard and long to sort out the different Henderson families of this area. Who was kin to whom, and where did they all come from. This article gave us an overview of the problems, clearly sorted out.

Why did the writer omit the person identified at the bottom of column two as 2 James Henderson?

Also, I disagree with his identification of 5 Nathaniel Henderson as having been born in Goochland County, Virginia.

I mention these problems not ex-

pecting an answer from you, but to encourage you to print more helpful articles of this type. How you and the writers could deal with the questions raised by people like me more than I can imagine, but surely you could work out some way to do it. *AN CANACH* could be a useful vehicle for a nationwide threshing out of some of the misidentifications of early Hendersons, for sharing bible records or other records that would be helpful to researchers. Probably Horace Loftin is struggling with these things all by himself. I cannot imagine what Horace does when he gets conflicting information about early Hendersons, owing to so much published misinformation.

Next time, could the map be larger? Some of the tiny names are too faint to read.

With best wishes,

*Carol Wells*

21 February 1996  
Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Russ,

In regards to leaving out information on #2 James Henderson in the Jan. 1996 Henderson newsletter, I could make up a lot of excuses, but the fact that in rewriting the article many times, in the final version I just left it out by error. In the latest article that I have sent you on the First Governor of Texas, you will note that his grandfather was James Henderson (this is #2 James Henderson) and I tell a little about him and his graveyard.

In the second point that Carol Wells mentions in her letter, "I disagree with his identification of #5 Nathaniel Henderson as having been born in Goochland County, Virginia." At the present my search of Nathaniel Henderson doesn't go back prior to his coming to N.C. Since I have no proof of who is father was, I put down Goochland County, Va. as a lead for me to follow up on sometime in the future. I am glad Carol Wells pointed out these two errors. Hopefully the reading the articles can correct any errors I have and prove me wrong on

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some of my information. More importantly maybe they can fill in the blank names, dates and etc.

Also, I am working on an article for you to look at showing Cairns Henderson's son Kearns Henderson whose family moved to Cape Girardeau, Mo. Much to my surprise not all of Kearns Henderson family moved to Mo., some stayed here in Mecklenburg County, N.C. Learning this information has enabled me to match up some Henderson Families that otherwise I wouldn't have been able to match. If you do print it hopefully some reader will be able to give us 4 names out of the 9 children, whose names we don't know at this date.

Again thank you for printing my article, since I am not a writer. Hopefully it will help someone else in tracing their Henderson line and others like Carol Wells can help us get the correct names, dates of births, marriages, deaths and etc.

One of your Henderson Genealogists,

*L.D. Bass*

8 March 1996  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Dear Russ,

Jeff Henderson's article about the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair, in the last newsletter, is quite enthusiastic, and rightfully so. While working on the Fair, I learned about Clan Henderson and joined, and I'm proud of the essential contribution members of Clan Henderson have made to developing the fine event it has become.

I have several beautiful, but faded posters, and many vivid memories of the first - very small - Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair, held in October, 1990. It's come a long way!

The credit for actually starting the Fair and providing the original framework belongs to An Comunn Gaidhealach America (ACGA), the Gaelic Society of America. Elaine Akerson, who was the ACGA Mod Chair at that time, led the effort to establish the Fair as a new venue for the ACGA Gaelic Mod, then in its

third year. (I believe she also designed the Fair logo.)

The historic park and relative intimacy of the Fair, and its focus on the cultural heritage of Scotland, would provide a fine setting for the Gaelic Mod to present the ancient Celtic language and music of the Highlands and Islands.

The Gaelic Mod(co-chaired by Mary Swope and myself) was an integral part of the Fair for four years. Though the ACGA Mod committee, in order to reach a new audience, made the difficult decision in 1994, to hold the Mod at the Ligonier Highland Games, I and other ACGA members have continued to support the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair.

This fine fair was established through ACGA's commitment to preserving Scotland's Celtic heritage; and it now flourishes, thanks to the dedicated leadership that members of Clan Henderson have provided for many years.

Sincerely,

*Joan McW. Weiss*

Alexandria, VA

To Clan Families,

One of our local clan families is hosting a high school age German exchange student who collects post cards. Will you and your friends please send her a postcard to add to her collection? (Stefanie Prast, 2304 Wilkinson Place, Alexandria, VA 22306) It would be much appreciated by all of us. (She leaves the USA in early July.)

*Judy Henderson*

7 February 1995  
Mooresville, NC

Dear Russ:

Wow! What a surprise. I was not expecting to see the photo of the Kirking at Hopewell on the front cover of An Canach. When I pulled the newsletter out of my mailbox backside up, I was eager to find the article by L.D. Bass. I had forgotten that I had sent you the photo and letter. (But don't we look good!)

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to consider a thought I have been pondering. We all know that in doing our genealogical research we are in earnest to know more about our ancestors. However, we are doing little if anything to preserve the exploits of our fathers and grandfathers who are still with us and who fought in World War II. Now, there are quite a few members of Clan Henderson Society with a military background and who have many great memories worth preserving. I suggest that along with our genealogical archive we start a library, or central repository, of the deeds of our members and/or that of their ancestors. We should not limit it to those with military service records, but I am sure that area will prove to be pivotal.

A case in point. Within this week, L.D. Bass received information that our great-great-great-grandfather, Andrew Henderson, along with his brothers-in-law, David Robinson, and Moses Robinson, fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain, a very significant event of the Revolution around here. Now neither of us knew this. In fact, we had no information that our Henderson ancestors made any contribution to the Revolution even though this area of the country was rabid for revolt.

It's tidbits like the above we need to copy and preserve before they're lost for ever. We will need to work out the logistics and who will be the curator, (I suggest L.D. if his wife Nancy does not object.). But these are easy obstacles to overcome. It will be easy to amass information already written down. The hard part will be prying the stories from the living. For example, my father was an Army Air Force Navigator in World War II, flew in a C47 over Normandy on D-Day, and his was one of the few planes to drop paratroopers in the right spot. But unless he's in a talking mood, not much more is forthcoming.

If you like my idea, let Dan know. He and I should be meeting a couple of times in February.

*Mack Henderson, III*

Well, would  
YOU like to  
react to  
Mack's project?  
WRITE to the  
Editor with  
your story.





# Participation, Involvement, & Membership

by Danny Henderson

*Fordell Castle  
has been sold.  
We have not  
yet made  
contact with  
the new owner,  
so please do  
not plan on  
visiting it until  
we do.*

*Commissioners  
Convenors  
Get your  
updated  
list of clans  
for your  
COSCA  
table  
WRITE TO me  
and I will send  
you a copy.*

*—Danny*

Many of you have sent me cards, letters and even phoned regarding the availability and the status of Fordell Castle which has been for sale since early last fall. Many unofficial discussions within the Clan have taken place regarding a plan or creative proposal to somehow take or share ownership of the castle so that all members and others could have access to it while traveling or vacationing in Scotland.

I want to thank everybody for their interest in this as it shows a united spirit in trying to hold on to one of our true Henderson treasures. As you can imagine, due to its age and condition, the property had a very steep bidding price, which led in our part in not being able to put together a unified plan with sufficient funding.

As of this printing, we have been informed that the castle has been purchased by a Veterinarian for approximately £50,000. At this time we have no information as to our access to the castle or its grounds. We will be in communication with the new owner and will inform you via AnCanach once we hear back from him.

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How quickly the winter has passed for most of us! I hope all of you had a chance to participate in your local Burns or St. Andrews Society winter dinner dances. It is nice to see familiar faces from your local games as well as meet new friends at these formal events. It even gives

those of us who shy away from the dancing opportunities at our local games a chance to really show our stuff or in my case rusty moves in front of a nice and more than sympathetic group. Is there a Scottish Arthur Murray?

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Actually our games season got under way in early January down in Florida. Many of you are now looking at your calendar and marking in those games which you hope to attend this year. For this Henderson family, it might be five to seven games depending on baseball games, camp and other activities to schedule around.

Hopefully this year my efforts/activities surrounding these games will be to somehow stimulate local interest and participation in helping the local convenor make these games highly successful. Taking a lead from what we're doing in Charlotte, I will try and encourage local attendees to take a more active role in helping out those who have always been faithful about making the Henderson presence known at these various events.

How can I help? Thanks for asking. Listed below are just a few of the ways you might become involved in helping make your local games even more successful and fun. Keep your Commissioner informed about the event—date, hours, location, and costs. An Canach needs the information to tell others.

1. Be a part of an organizing committee. Help the local convenor with all of the various tasks/chores that go into participating in these games.
2. Offer to act as a host at our tent for 1-2 hours.
3. Offer to provide some light refreshments at the tent.
4. Assist in helping set up the display and taking it down.
5. Help organize the famed Henderson walkabout.
6. Offer to help with a phone tree in letting other members know of our upcoming activities
7. Arrange or participate in a dinner after the event at a local restaurant.
8. Help with local genealogy questions at our tent.
9. Help or provide ideas for activities surrounding the games like a Kirking at a local church.

**Be creative!**

As I have said before, the Clan tent is your home at the games; please be welcome and spend time with others. Let the local convenors know of your unique ideas and creative ways to help make these local games highly successful.

I wish all of you a great game season and look forward to meeting many of you in my travels.

**Danny L Henderson**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL 7-8 SEPTEMBER 1996

Organizers of the annual Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival in Estes Park, CO have finalized plans for the 20th annual occurrence of this Premier event. USA TODAY listed the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival as one of the **Top 10 Outdoor Festivals** in the nation.

There will be twenty regional Pipe Bands vying for the coveted **Rocky Mountain Championship** Trophies. The **International Battle of the Bands** will showcase bands from Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Also on the bill are the **Scottish Professional Athletics** competitions with a purse in excess of \$51,000.

New this year will be a **Jousting Tournament** featuring exciting demonstrations between the participants. There will also be an exhibition of **Dogs of the British Isles**.

All Hendersons are invited to the dinner Saturday evening at **Ricky's Resort**, the Headquarters Hotel for this event. The dinner will be \$20 per person. You must select you choice of entree - Prime Rib, Chicken, Cordon Bleu or Baked Halibut Steak and make your reservations with Bob Henderson prior to August 27th. You may call reservations to him at (970)663-3773 or write to him at 2730 El Rancho Drive, Loveland, CO 80538.

Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival  
P.O. Box 1820 • Estes Park, Colorado 80517  
(970) 586-6308 • 1-800-90-ESTES

March 2, 1996

Clan Henderson:

The excitement has started!

The Clan Henderson A.G.M. will highlight the 20th annual  
Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival extravaganza.

The Festival Organizing Committee extends a warm welcome  
and we hope all of your clan members will come to reunite old  
friendships and make many new acquaintances.

As President of the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival, I  
am proud that you chose our Festival for your annual meeting.  
Thank you,

James A. Durward

James A. Durward, President  
Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival



## Gathering The Clan

North Pacific, South Pacific, Far South, and North Central Commissioners, Deputies and Regional Officers. Represent your regions at the first Annual General Meeting in the West.

Come one! Come all! Lead your region to Colorado.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

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Make your plans, reserve a room, let Bob know which dinner you want at the Saturday evening dinner.

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Help decorate the huge tent we get for our meeting. Bring your special mobile display.

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I'll see you there!

Russ



# Henderson roots & twigs

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Scot

Dear cousins:

Nobody takes me seriously when I tell them I don't understand computers. They keep asking me questions about megabytes, e-mail and genealogical software choices. Heck, I can't answer such questions. I can do the specific things needed to keep our Clan family trees in good order. Beyond that, I'm a computer innocent. I do know, however, that without the computer, I could not function as Clan genealogist.

If you don't already, you probably should be using a computer to keep up with your own family tree. I asked my own favorite computerized genealogist, cousin Bob Henderson of Greer SC, to give you words of advice and encouragement. Here's Bob's message to you, including words on his own fruitful enthusiasm.

Somewhere along the line, Horace developed the misconception that I know something about computers and genealogical software. He asked me to write this article. Since I have never taken a computer course, it won't be hard for me to avoid "computereeze."

I have found that the computer is a tremendous asset to genealogical research. In fact it is impracticable today to do efficient research without benefit of the computer and one of the many software programs now available. I have accomplished more in my Henderson research during the last eight years with a computer than in the 28 years prior to that without a computer.

It seems to me that most of the current genealogy software programs are similar in what they will do for you. I use the PAF for organizing my basic records, and I use Lotus 1-2-3 for my data base work. However, other programs would do the

job just as well.

Basic records. The greatest advantage of computerized genealogy is the organization it provides. In the old days, I would want to pursue a possible connection; I would spend hours looking through four file cabinets for that one magic clue. Now I can review 75,000 Hendersons and kin in minutes. The search can be by name, location, date, or a combination of these and other variables. I can have my computer analyze my records for errors. (Sometimes, for instance, it tells me that a child is 100 years younger than his presumed parents!)

In minutes I can transfer selected records to a mailable disk and exchange information with other Henderson researchers. This exchange can also be made over phone lines between our computers. The information exchanged can then be entered into different computers (even with different software programs) through a simple process called GEDCOM.

Using the computer has also made me more aware of the quality of research. Unfortunately, many researchers seem to be willing to accept anything in the way of information that comes along, particularly if it supports a preconceived notion. An example of such erroneous information is the old, oft-retold story of a prolific "Thomas Henderson" who was in Jamestown in 1607. Maybe; but there is no documentary evidence of such a Henderson in early Jamestown.

It is very important that we record the source of our information as we do the research. I personally grieve over some of my earlier work in which I failed to note the sources. Without a source, the "information" has no status in genealogy. Computers allow for simultaneous recording

of sources with recording of data.

Database Work. I use the most popular spreadsheet program for my data base work. The main requirement is that the program include a good sorting feature. It is amazing what can be learned by regrouping information by date or location or name or other variable.

Every Henderson descendant has a small piece of the total puzzle. If we could put these separate pieces together, the big picture of the jigsaw will become apparent, and we will see better how and where all those separate pieces fit. Any Henderson data, not just that item on one's own small twig, should be saved and shared. Thus, systematic pooling of information can benefit the individual family-tree seeker and all Henderson researchers together. Computers make this kind of sharing, compiling, and distribution possible.

[Note: This is what we are attempting - with excellent results - in our Clan Henderson computerized database. Next, Bob gives another example of successful computerized data sharing. (HL)]

In the development of my books compiling early S.C. and N.C. Henderson census records, I have tried to set up such a forum for exchange of data. In spreadsheet format, the product of the computer, I have gathered and presented over 1500 S.C. Hendersons and 2500 N.C. Hendersons listed in the censuses of 1850, 1860 and 1870. I plan to work backwards in time, doing 1840, 1830, and 1820 next for the Carolinas. In doing these books, numerous Henderson lines have been identified and I have been able to combine many of them. I implore some of you out there to do a similar job with Va., Tenn., Ga. etc. If you would use a similar format (I'll be glad to help set you up!), then eventually master records can be combined. A collective Henderson data base of this magnitude, made possible by computers, is overwhelming! (R.H. "Bob" Henderson, 119 Pinewood Drive, Greer, SC 29651; (803)877 2424).

Thanks, Bob! Now, who of you out there will volunteer to do a piece comparing the merits of different genealogical software?

Yours aye,

*Horace*



**MacStork**

Proud grandparents, Ken and Mary Ann Henderson from Andrews, Texas, report the birth of Jordan Ann Henderson in 1 June 1995. The new bairn is the daughter of Steven and Sandra Henderson.

Elizabeth Henderson Craig #1355 and husband Jamie Craig of River John, Nova Scotia, had daughter Jessica (Jessie) Elizabeth on 21 October 1995. Jessie is the newest member of a large group in Nova Scotia. Mom Elizabeth and Uncle John #1356 are the children of John Alexander Henderson who is the brother of Wilbert James Henderson #624, who in turn is the father of Our Convenor Cairns #430, Keith Gordon Henderson #1314, and Rhonda Margaret MacDonald #624. Cairns' daughter Jane #1282 completes the gathering.

Ruth #1292 and Richard Carlson are the new grandparents of Quintin Carlson, son of Kurt and Cheryl Carlson—born 12 July 1995.

Another new grandpa is Earl Robert Henderson whose grandson, Griffin Alexander Henderson was born 10 March 1995 to William and Sondra Henderson.



## In Memory

Walter (Toby) Parrish died tragically on 8 January 1996 in Nashville, Tennessee when a tractor he was operating to remove snow from his mother's farm road turned over and killed him.

Toby was co-founder of Clan Henderson and its first president. He was also a superb piper and a founding member of the Nashville Pipes and Drums as well as a founding member of the Scottish Society of Middle Tennessee. He was a practicing attorney at law.

Funeral services were conducted at Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville where Toby had served as a Deacon as well as other church positions. The service was, of course, piped by members of the Nashville Pipes and Drums and Pipe Major Steve Snoddy, played "Flowers of the Forest".



Toby Parrish (the center piper) leading the Clan Walkabout for the Chief at Stone Mountain, 1991.

Toby is survived by his wife, Barbara, his son, Andrew, his daughter, Margaret and a sister, Mary Hickey. Parrish was a very popular and beloved friend, not only by our clansmen but also by his hometown friends and associates as evidenced by the fact that no less than 1500 people attended the visitation.

Toby is remembered by all who knew him as a loyal friend and, for many, an effective "problem solver," giving his time and talents to many, including his community, church and scouting.

He will be remembered by the original clan members as the "spirit" of Clan Henderson—attending Scottish games and carrying our banner, representing and promoting Henderson at the games—sometimes being the lone flag bearer and representative at such games, and conceiving the idea to write seeking permission from our Chief to formally organize Clan Henderson, when he learned in 1986 that Dr. John William Phillip Henderson of Fordell had been recognized by Lord Lyon as Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, and, following its organization, by his determination that Clan Henderson would take its rightful place amongst the great clan societies of the Nation. This year the Glasgow, Kentucky, Games in June will be dedicated to Toby's memory, and a piping trophy, named for him, will be hereafter awarded at the Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration in Nashville—thoughtful memorials all.

The most thoughtful memorial from us to Toby would be emulating his spirit, fulfilling his dream, and perpetuating the growth of Clan Henderson to its fullest potential as it serves its members and the Scottish Community in general. This is Toby's legacy to us. Fulfillment of his dream can be our memorial to him. With heavy hearts we say "Goodbye" to Toby; but his spirit will live on in all of us.

Dr. William G. Barneyback, 77, died 7 March 1996. He is survived by his wife, Mariana, two daughters, eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He was Clan Henderson's first Commissioner in the North Central Region.

Colonel Blair E. Henderson died 9 March 1996 at his home in Sun City, Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Sara, his son and daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, and one greatgrandson.

We recently learned of the death of Betty Roberson.

Clan members Joseph and Kevin Nelson lost their son/brother Kerry Allen Henderson on 25 Aug 1995 in Lafayette, IN.

Nancy Henderson of Beaver Falls, PA, an enthusiastic participant in Clan activities with her sons and daughter-in-law, William, Robert, J. Michael, and Joan, died on 21 Feb 1996. Her husband John A. Henderson had died in 1972.

## One Old Family Bible

by L.D. Bass

Mac Henderson and I learned that Robert Randall in Mooresville, N.C. had some old Henderson Family bibles and arrangements were made to meet with him. His daughter Beth, met us at the door and showed us to the living room. The first thing to catch my eye was an old bust of James Pinckney Henderson.

Who was James Pinckney Henderson? He was the first Governor of Texas. His grandfather James Henderson who had married Violet Lawson, daughter of Hugh Lawson who was widely known in Virginia; was one of the early settlers of Mecklenburg County. James settled with his family in the early 1750's across the South Fork River from where McAdenville, N.C. is presently located. There he started a grist mill and later sold it to Adam Springs. On a bluff high above the dam of McAdenville, is located the 30 foot square cemetery, surrounded by 26 inch granite walls. Here lies the graves of James Henderson, Adam Springs, four adults and two children.

Robert Randall produced two very old family bibles. The first bible, written in longhand, stated, "Lawson Henderson Sr. Family Bible, the property of Frances (Mrs. R. H.) Henderson Randall a great grand daughter of Lawson Henderson." The names and dates were

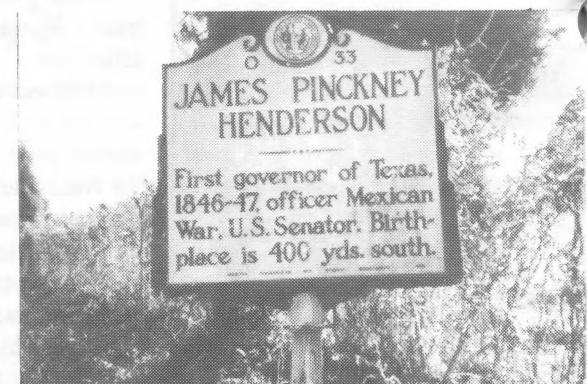
written in several different handwritings, some firm, showing youth, and some shaky, showing the age of the writer. In it were the dates of marriages, births and deaths of the family of Maj. Lawson Henderson, the son of the early settler

James Henderson, and the father of James Pinckney Henderson, Governor of Texas.

The second Bible was of the family of Charles Cotesworth Henderson, son of Maj. Lawson Henderson and brother of James Pinckney Henderson. Again it showed several different hand writings over a period of time, but this bible had even more detail. For example: "Theadorous Washington Brevard Henderson was born on the 4th day of October 1827 A.D. in Lincolnton, No Car. Baptized by Rev. John McCamey Wilson on the 11th day of December 1828 A.D." "Theodorus W. B. Henderson died on the 18th day of March 1838 aged 11 years 5 months and 14 days. His funeral was preached by the Rev. A. L. Watts from Isaiah 55th Chapter 8th and 9th verses...."

There was a marriage certificate... "This certifies that I married Charles C. Henderson Esq of Lincoln North Carolina to Barbara G. Bayden of this city on the morning of December 7th 1824. The marriage was consummated according to the rites & ways of the Presbyterian Church in these United States: & in the presence of a number of witnesses. New York, December 18th 1824."...signed..."Hooper Cumming: Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Vandewater Street, New York."

From a genealogical point of view what a wonderful find it was to show proof of the dates for the Charles Cotesworth Henderson and Maj.



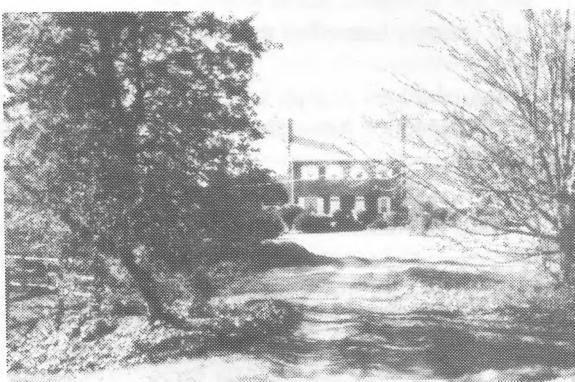
Historic marker showing James Pinckney Henderson's home.

Lawson Henderson families. I was wondering how to ask Robert Randall to let me make copies of these bibles, for I knew he wouldn't want to let them out of his sight. However, when asked, Robert very graciously offered to go down to his office and make us all the copies we wanted.

What a beautiful Sunday it had been. We had made some new friends with another family who had Henderson ancestors, and now we look forward to their joining with us in our rally of the Henderson Clan at the Loch Norman Highland Games 19-21 April.

I would like to share some historical facts about James Pinckney Henderson who was born March 31, 1808 in Lincolnton, N.C. and later would attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he studied law. At age 21 he was licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court and one year later was appointed aide-de-camp to General A. McDowell of the Fifth Division of the State Militia. He would rise to the rank of Colonel in the North Carolina Militia before moving to Canton, Miss. in 1835.

The plight of Texas at this time would change his life forever and he would serve that state for the rest of his life. In the War of Texas Independence, Henderson came to Texas at the head of a company of Mississippians. He was commissioned a General in the Army of the Republic of Texas and was sent to N.C. to recruit



James Pinckney Henderson's Home

volunteers. There he raised a company and, out of his own pocket, paid their expenses to be transported to Texas. He and his troops were active until Texas had won its independence.

Sam Houston, the first permanent President of Texas, appointed James P. Henderson, Attorney General, and later at the death of Stephen F. Austin, General Henderson became Secretary of State. In 1837, at the age of 29 he was appointed minister to both Great Britain and France for the Republic of Texas. It was in France that a bust of James Pinckney Henderson was cast and it was the bust that I had seen in Mooresville, N.C. It was in Paris that James met his wife a talented and creative young lady, Frances Cox, from Philadelphia and they were married in 1839 in London.

The law firm of Anderson, Henderson & Rusk was the most famous law firm in Texas in the 1840's. Kenneth L. Anderson, a partner in the firm, who also came from the same home town Lincolnton, N.C. as James P. Henderson, was the favored candidate to win the Governor's race. Mr. Anderson suddenly became ill and died July 3, 1845 and his law partner James P. Henderson was appointed to run in his place. The Republic of Texas came to an end on the third Monday of Dec. 1845.

James Pinckney Henderson was elected the first Governor of Texas by 7,853 out of 9,578 votes. His friend Sam Houston said at his death, "James Pinckney Henderson was no ordinary man. He made his mark upon the history of Texas; and the nation is not unacquainted with his reputation. He will be long remembered. He was a bold, enterprising spirit; a man of indomitable will of daring enterprise and firm purpose. His intellect was a high order...This is the colleague whose loss I deplore, for the bereavement falls upon me as it will upon others. His friends had confidence in and were ardently attached to him."

The "Lawson Family Bible" shows that James Pinckney Henderson died June 4, 1858 in Texas.

Source: 1) Texas' First Governor by Calvin D. Jarrett

## Frontier Rescue Leads to Wedding and More

Extracted from The Crabb Newsletter,  
Spring 1996, Vol. 6, No. 1

In July 1776, Samuel Henderson joined Daniel Boone and others to rescue three girls who had been captured by the Shawnee Indians on the river outside of Boonesborough, Ky. The girls were the Calloway sisters and Jemima Boone, daughter of Daniel Boone. The girls had been enjoying the day in a canoe on the Kentucky River opposite the fort. Samuel Henderson, who later became Col. Samuel Henderson, and the others, trailed the Indians for three days. One Indian was killed as Daniel and group were freeing the girls. A month later, Samuel Hen-

derson married one of the girls, Elizabeth "Betsy" Calloway.

The first white baby born to parents married in Kentucky was Fanny Henderson, the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth. Samuel was a nephew of Judge Richard Henderson who helped Boone settle Kentucky.

You might be interested to know that James Fenimore Cooper's novel *The Last of the Mohicans* was based on this rescue in Kentucky in 1776. Cooper moved the setting to his upper New York region and modified the story and the characters.

## Youth Activities

by Deanna E. Weymuth  
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Clan Henderson will be gathering in Estes Park, Colorado on 6-8 September for the Longs Peak Scottish Festival and Highland Games. A part of the gathering is to elect officers, review the past year, and make plans for the coming years. This will be the first time there has been an annual meeting in the midwest.

I would love to suggest all Clan Henderson youth attend, and compete. I realize that this is not possible so I would like to propose an alternative. As the next best thing, I would like to suggest that our youth be represented by videos of them participating in Clan

Henderson and Scottish events. We are using a video camera to record our youngest daughter dancing, and the other girls working and enjoying the events.

I would like to have a video showcasing many of our Clan Henderson young people at Estes Park. Please take videos this spring and summer and send them to me, no

later than August 15. I am looking not only for competition video, but also for movies of our youth attending games and representing Clan in other ways. Will they be talking about what their heritage means to them at a scout function, school program, ethnic festival, or church? Take a video and send it to me. I will take the videos and blend them into one to be shown at Estes Park. I promise to try to return your videos.

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Our Arkansas Cousins, Alan, Carolyn, Sarah, and Matt Heath were at Salado, with most of family participating in piping or dancing. Sarah placed 4th in the Highland Fling, while Alan and Matt were Pipers in the Lyon College Pipe and Drum Band which won the best overall band award. This is no small accomplishment since the bands were of high quality, including the St. Thomas Episcopal School band from Houston, the 1995 World Champion Juvenile Band at Edinburgh.

# The Henderson Bard

by Neil Henderson

*Address given at The Elgin Scottish Society's Ninety Second Burns Supper  
Held at the St. Andrew's Country Club, West Chicago, 27 January 1996*



We are gathered here tonight to pay homage to the world's greatest poet, Robert Burns. We are privileged to commemorate two events in his life, the 237th. anniversary of his birth and the bicentennial of his death. In 1786 Burns sold 612 copies of his first book of poetry now known as the "Kilmarnock Edition". They sold for three shillings each and were sold out within the month. His slim volume was soon the talk of the literary circles in Edinburgh and the reviews it received from the magazine and newspaper critics were excellent. There were, however, several English reviews which were condescending and skeptical. Some said, in effect, that Burns' poetry would never be understood outside Scotland, since it was written in a foreign language that was dying out and that any acclaim he received would never get south of the border. Well, here we are today, 200 years after his death and five thousand miles beyond Scotland's borders. A mixture of all nationalities gathered around the festive board to pay homage to the humble bard who would never be understood or known beyond the confines of his parish borders!

In 1759, on January 25th, in the Village of Alloway, just outside Ayr, Robert Burns was born to Agnes Brown and William Burness, in a clay cottage William had built with his own hands. William was a market gardener with his own little plot. He was an honest, hard-working, religious man who firmly believed in education. As soon as he was able, he and several farmers with similar sentiments clubbed together to pay a teacher an annual salary. They then hired an able young teacher called John Murdoch. So, seven year old Robert and his five year old brother Gilbert went off to school. About this time, Robert's father, who had ambitions of being a farmer, signed a lease on a farm called Mt. Oliphant. It being several miles from Alloway, Robert and Gilbert had a long walk to and from school. Mt. Oliphant proved to be something of a white elephant, hard to work and unprofitable. Because of the lack of money to pay hired help Robert and Gilbert, as they grew older, found themselves working the fields alongside their father. Much of the heavier work, such as ploughing, fell to Robert. As a result his health began to suffer and he contracted rheumatic fever and a heart condition that were to dog him for the rest of his life. The Burns family lived on Mt. Oliphant for eleven years and now consisted of seven children, four boys and three girls. But for all the lean times they shared they were a happy, loving family. Robert gives us an inkling of this in his wonderful poem, "THE COTTER'S SATURDAY NIGHT."

*"November chill blows loud wi' angry sough;  
The short'ning winter- day is near a close;  
The miry beasts retreating frae the pleugh;  
The black'ning trains o' crows to their repose:*

*The toil-worn Cotter frae his labor goes  
This night his weekly moil is at an end,  
Collects his spades, his mattocks and his hoes,  
Hoping the morn in ease and rest to spend  
And weary, o'er the moor, his course does hameward  
bend.*

The first poem Burns ever wrote was written when he was fourteen. As was the custom in those days, young Robert was paired off with a young and pretty girl to help bring in the harvest. Her name was Nellie Kilpatrick. In the evenings they would stroll together along the lanes and by-ways. He was so taken by her charms he was moved to write;

**"O ONCE I LOV'D A BONIE LASS"**

*O, once I lov'd a bonie lass,  
Aye, and I love her still!  
And while that virtue warms my breast,  
I'll love my handsome Nell.*

However, even at that tender age he knew what he wanted in a female companion. He goes on;

*A bonie lass, I will confess,  
Is pleasant to the e'e:  
But without some better qualities  
She's no a lass for me.*

*But Nellie's looks are blythe and sweet,  
And what is best of a'  
Her reputation is complete  
And fair without a flaw.*

Burns had a keen eye and a deep sense of compassion for all God's creature's. From his observations in the field while he was behind the plough he gave us;

**"TO A MOUNTAIN DAISY."**

*Wee, modest, crimson tipped flow'r,  
Thou's met me in an evil hour;  
For I maun crush amang the stour  
Thy slender stem:  
To spare thee now is past my pow'r  
Thou bonie gem.*

*Alas! it's no thy neebor sweet,  
The bonie lark, companion meet,  
Bending thee 'mang the dewy wheat,*

Wi' spreckled breast!  
When upward springing, blythe, to greet  
The purpling east.

He also penned that wonderful poem addressed to a little mouse whose nest he unknowingly disturbed with the blade of his plough;

#### "TO A MOUSE"

Wee, sleekit, cowrin, tim'rous beastie,  
O, what a panic's in thy breastie!  
Thou needna start away sae hasty  
Wi' bickering brattle!  
I wad be laith tae rin an' chase thee,  
Wi' murdering pattle!

And then, in the second last verse, he gives us the famous lines;

But Mousie thou art no thy lane,  
In proving foresight is in vain:  
The best laid schemes o' mice an' men  
Gang aft agley,  
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,  
For promis'd joy!

From his observation of people we have that humorous, but telling, poem to an insect. One Sunday, Burns was seated in church behind a well-dressed lady who happened to be wearing a large hat. He was amused to see a louse crawling up her elaborate headpiece. It compelled him to write; "TO A LOUSE"

Ha! where ye gaun, ye crowlin ferlie?  
Your impudence protects you sairly,  
I canna say but ye strunt rarely  
Ower gauze and lace  
Tho' faith I fear ye dine but sparely  
On sic a place!

Again, in the last verse, he points the moral, the first two lines of which so many of us

O, wad some Power the giftie gie us  
To see ousels as ither see us!  
It wad from monie a blunder free us,  
An' foolish notion:  
What airs in dress and gait wad lea'e us,  
An' eve'n devotion!

In 1777 William Burns quit Mount Oliphant and rented another farm which he hoped would give his family a better life. This farm was called Lochlea and, for a little while, they were better off. But Lochlea proved to be as bad as Mt. Oliphant, and the work was just as back-breaking.

After the death of his father in 1784, Robert and his brother Gilbert rented another farm called Mossiel. Robert left the running of this farm to Gilbert, although he continued to work. This new arrangement left Robert a little more time to write and socialize which, up until now, he had had precious little time to do.

Burns, by all accounts, was a handsome fellow and at that time wore his hair in a ponytail and strutted around Mauchline with a plaid draped over his shoulder and his dog, Luath at his heel. He had an eye for the lassies and they for him.

In his poem, "THE BELLES OF MAUCHLINE," he writes;

*In Mauchline there dwells six proper young belles,  
The pride of the place and its neighbourhood a',  
Their carriage and dress, a stranger would guess,  
In Lon'on or Paris they'd gotten it a'.*

*Miss Millar IS fine, Miss Markland's divine,  
Miss Smith she has wit, and Miss Betty is braw,  
There's beauty and fortune to get with Miss Morton;  
But Armour's the jewel for me o' them a'.*

Ah! Jean Armour. She was 16. He was 24. He cries "WHEN FIRST I SAW FAIR JEANIE'S FACE

*When first I saw fair Jeanie's face,  
I couldna tell what ail'd me:  
My heart went fluttering pit-a-pat,  
My een they almost failed me.  
She's aye sae neat, sae trim ,sae tight,  
All grace does round her hover!  
Ae look depriv'd me o' my heart  
And I became her lover.*

After a few tumultuous years of off-again, on-again affairs they were eventually married in church and, after his triumph in Edinburgh he rented a farm outside Dumfries called, Ellisland. He lived there alone for a while, until Jean and the children could join him from Mauchline. He missed her so much he composed in her honor, "OF ALL THE AIRTS THE WIND CAN BLOW"

*Of a' the airts the wind can blaw  
I dearly like the west,  
For there the bonie lassie lives  
The lassie I lo'e best  
There wild woods grow, and rivers row,  
An' monie a hill between,  
But day and night my fancy's flight  
Is ever wi' my Jean. etc.*

It was during this period that he received his commission in the Excise Service. Sometime after Jean came to



Ellisland Burns met, and became enamoured of, Anna Parks, a pretty blonde barmaid working in the Globe Tavern in Dumfries. Of Anna, he wrote, "YESTREEN I HAD A PINT O' WINE."

*Yestreen I had a pint o' wine  
A place where body saw na;  
Yestreen lay on this breast o'  
The gowden locks o' Anna.*

Later on in the poem he gets carried away and de-claims;

*The Kirk and State may join, and tell  
To do sic things I mauna:  
The Kirk and State may gae to Hell,  
And I'll gae to my Anna.*

It was also at Ellisland that he met Captain Grose, a fat, jovial Dutchman who had served in the British army and was somewhat of an artist. Burns agreed to write a poem for the Captain's latest book of drawings of old ruins, if he would include in it the Auld Kirk in Alloway. The Captain agreed. Thus was sown the seeds for Burns' incomparable tale, "TAM O' SHANTER";

*When chapman billies leave the street,  
And drouthy neebors neebors meet;  
As market days are wearing late,  
An' folk begin to tak the gate;  
While we sit bousing at the nappy,  
an' getting fou and unco happy,  
We think na on the lang Scots miles,  
The mosses, waters, slaps and styles,  
That lie between us and our hame,  
Whare sits our sulky, sullen dame,  
Gathering her brows like gathering storm,  
Nursing her wrath to keep it warm.*

*This truth fand honest Tarn O' Shanter;  
As he frae Ayr ae night did canter:  
Auld Ayr, wham ne'er a town surpasses,  
For honest men and bonie lasses.*

Robert eventually gave up on Ellisland and moved with his family into Dumfries where he carried on with his exhausting duties as an Excise man. It was hard work riding the country rounds from dawn to dusk, carrying out his allotted tasks while, somehow, finding time to write dozens of songs for his friend James Johnson's "The Scots Musical Museum", now in its fourth volume. and also for George Thomson's "New Select Scottish Airs" ! One fine example of Burns' songs, and a favorite of mine, is "A Red, Red Rose."

*O, my luve's like a red, red rose,  
That's newly sprung in June.  
O, my luve's like the melodie,  
That's sweetly play'd in tune.*

*As fair art thou, my bonie lass,  
So deep in luve am I,  
And I will luve thee still, my Dear  
Till a' the seas gang dry. etc,*

By 1796 Burns was a very sick man. His doctor, William Maxwell, prescribed a course of horse-back riding and cold baths at Brow Hill, a spa on the Solway Firth, a few miles from Dumfries. A bit dubious, but heeding his doctor's advice, Burns made the short journey. He spent two weeks there, immersing himself, at times up to the armpits, in the cold waters of the Solway. He returned to Dumfries near death. He died five days later, on the 21st of July, 1796. Burns was given a magnificent funeral. On the 25th of July his body was taken to the Dumfries Town Hall. From there it was escorted by a military band, a troop of the Cinque Port Cavalry, a company of the Angusshire Fencibles and a company of the Dumfries Volunteers, in which Robert had served as an officer the previous year, to St. Michael's cemetery. From the town hall to the cemetery the road was lined with hundreds of silent, grieving people from all over the country and all walks of life. At the cemetery, as his coffin was lowered into the ground, the Dumfries Volunteers fired three volleys over his grave. On the way to the cemetery the cortege passed his house where Jean, destitute, was giving birth to his last son Maxwell, named after the doctor who sent him to Brow Well.

In commemoration of his death I would like to recite one of Burns' many elegies. It concerns the supposed death of his pet sheep Maillie. One day Robert and his brother Gilbert were approached by a young lad who informed them, in anguish, that Maillie was dead, strangled by her tether caught in a fence. Alarmed, Robert and Gilbert rushed to the field to find Maillie alive but exhausted. Robert untangled her and she ran away, none the worse for wear. In relief and amusement Robert penned, "POOR MAILLIE'S ELEGY";

*Lament in rhyme, lament in prose,  
Wi' saut tears tricklin down your nose;  
Our Bardie's fate is at a close,  
Past a' remead!  
The last, sad cape-stane of his woes:  
Poor Maillies dead!*

*It's no the loss o' warl's gear,  
That could sae bitter draw the tear,  
Or mak our Bardie, dowie, wear  
The mourning weed:  
He's lost a friend an' neebor dear  
In Maillie dead..*

Even after 200 years the Star of Robert Burns still shines —and long will it do so.

Neil Henderson

# Bodyguard Appointments Announced

by Rex A. Maddox

Two recent appointments to the Clan Henderson Bodyguard have been announced by Bodyguard Leader, Rex Maddox. The Mid South Region Commissioner, Thomas P. Henderson nominated Mark Henderson to be the State Bodyguard Leader for Mississippi and Cary Henderson the State Leader for Alabama. Both individuals have received their letters of Appointment and will be attending Games within their States this year as Bodyguard Leaders.

The Bodyguard is still looking for a few good members! Vacancies ex-

ist in several Regions and States. Interested Clan members who have kilts and other paraphernalia to wear should contact their Regional Commissioner to ascertain vacancies existing in the Region and to request that they be nominated to the Bodyguard.

The Head of the Bodyguard will be attending the following Games during the 1996 Games season and can be contacted at any of them for more information concerning the Bodyguard.

Culloden, GA	12-13 April
Loch Norman, NC	19-21 April
So. Maryland, MD	27 April
Central Virginia	3-4 May
Gatlinburg, TN	17-18 May
Fredericksburg, VA	31 May
	-2 June
Oatlands, VA	15-16 June
Grandfather Mtn., NC	11-14 July
Alexandria, VA	19-21 July
Pleasanton, CA	30 August
	-1 September
Estes Park, CO	6-8 September
Tulsa, OK	14 September
Anne Arundel, MD	12 October



## Poetry Competition 1996

In honor of the bicentennial of the death of Robert Burns, Clan Henderson announces a Poetry Competition. Clan Bard Neil Henderson suggests that, in Burns' honor, the theme of submitted poems would be about a flower, bird, or animal, though it does not need to be written in Scots dialect.

Announcement of the winners will be made at the Annual General Meeting at Estes Park, Colorado. The 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Prizes will be in the form of Robert Burns literature. Please submit your entry to

Neil Henderson, 244 Brookhaven Drive, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

## The Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Highlanders

by John Henderson

Today the unit works out of the Cornwall Ontario Armoury and they wear the distinctive kilts adorned with the MacDonell of Glengarry Tartan.

The "Glens" have the following reputation: *They never failed to take an objective; never lost a yard of ground; never lost a man (taken prisoner) in offensive action.*

On a personal note, both of the militia regiments that I served with—the Princess of Wales Own Regiment and the Brockville Rifles—formed companies of the S.D.&G. during World War II and both units carry the S.D.&G. badge on their colours and drums as an honourary distinction.



of Ogdensburg and the Battle of Crysler's Farm in 1813.

More recently, the regiment was mobilized for both World War I, where it was accorded six additional battle honours, and World War II, where it received nineteen battle honours fighting in France after D-Day and into Germany in 1944-45.

This regiment was a regular unit of the British Army in the War of 1812 when they were known as the "Glengarry Fencibles." They were accorded the battle honour "Niagara" after distinguishing themselves at the Battle of Lundy's lane in 1814 against our now friendly neighbor, the United States. They had fought previously at the Capture

# ***Games, Festivals, and Gatherings***



Piper Matt and Drummer Mom, Suzanne Keifer, Claude Henderson and Bodyguard Tony Martin approve at Orlando.

## **Southeastern Region**

### **The Honored Clan 1996 Orlando Games**

by Loulie Henderson

**C**lan Henderson was fortunate in deed to be the honored clan at Orlando. We were entertained warmly and graciously by all involved with the games. I do think that we had such a good time because the games committee so enjoyed hosting the various events.

From being piped in at the Tartan Ball to the Closing Ceremony, our



Chieftain Claude, Ann, and Convenors Kathleen and Kevin pose for their portrait at Orlando Games. Good looking Honored Guests and good looking Convenors!

High Commissioner, Claude Henderson, was a distinguished and dignified honored guest.

An additional honor came to our clan through the awards earned by our young teen piper, Matt Keifer. He won first place in the Piping Jig and first place in the Grade Three March band. In 1995, Keifer's band, the Rosie O'Grady Highlanders, won Grade Four Champion Supreme for the State of Florida. Now, as a Grade Three, Matt's pipe band again won the first competition of the year for the State of Florida giving them the right to compete for the North American Championship. Matt is fourteen years old and has been playing the pipes for about three years and received the Chief's Youth Award twice. Congratulations Matt! Clan Henderson is very proud of you! Not less notable was Tom Henderson's famous shortbread which was runner up in the "Shortbread Contest". He came within a pinch of sugar of winning first place.

On Saturday night a ceilidh was held at the Shrine building. Clan Henderson was treated royally again with Claude and Ann being piped to their ringside table. In addition to very fine entertainment, a "Bonnie Knees Contest" was held. There were four contestants from Clan Henderson but Harry Keifer and Kevin Henderson, being familiar with the territory, slipped out the back door; however, Matt and Shorty Henderson represented us well.

Our good fortune continued on Sunday. Epcot Center was observing "Scottish Heritage Day," and our own Matt performed several marches and concerts with his band, playing the solo part of their rendition of "Amazing Grace". Claude, Ann, Matt, Harry and Suzanne Keifer, (Matt's parents), Dave and I spent all day and evening enjoying the beauty of the weather, flowers and exhibits. We ate dinner at the Norway Pavilion and Dave felt that it was next best to being in Scotland—unlimited servings of delicious salmon prepared many different ways. A spec-

tacular fireworks display ended our weekend in Orlando.

### **Jacksonville Scottish Highland Games**

by Steve Carter

**T**he Scottish Games returned to Jacksonville, Florida, 17 February 1996 with participants enduring a 15° F wind chill at the Morocco Temple. Considering the temperature, the turnout was large and kept Clan Henderson Society members busy.

Clan members that were in attendance were Harry (Clan Secretary), Suzanne, and Matt Keifer; Dr. Horace Loftin (Clan Genealogist); George C. Henderson (Southeastern Regional Commissioner); Steve (Convenor), Carlita, and Chelsea Carter, Beth Gay; and Kevin Henderson.

Joining Clan Henderson were seven new families including John, Nylsa, Rachel, and Martin Crabtree; Gloria, Eric, Charles, Terrie, and Leah Smith; Bradley and Rebecca Henderson; Anne and Patrick Wilson; Mary Beth Thornburgh; Snedley, Jean, Kyle, and Shawn Henderson; Mildred White and Elizabeth Desalvo.

The opening ceremonies were held on the Athletic Field and included the Presentation of Colors by the kilted Color Guard unit of the Scottish American Military Society's Lt. Hugh McKay Post 7 in Savannah, Georgia. Four Pipe & Drum Bands led the Parade of Tartans; one of the bands participating was the Rosie O'Grady's Scottish Highlanders which included Mat Keifer (piper) and Suzanne Keifer (tenor drum) from Clan Henderson. Clan Henderson persuaded some of its newest members to participate in the Parade of Tartans, including the Crabtree family with their children Rachel and Martin carrying the Henderson banner, with Nylsa carrying the Henderson Shield, and husband

John near the rear with one of the Henderson tartans.

The National Anthems were performed by the U.S. Navy Band Jacksonville. Chieftain Richard Graham of North America was introduced as the Honored Guest and presided over the event.

Many friends, old and new, dropped in to say hello throughout the day. Horace Loftin and I found several excuses to visit a few Clans for a "wee nip" to help ward off the 15° F wind chill. Beth Gay, Editor of "The Family Tree" and a member of Clan Henderson was presented the Southeastern Commissioners Award by George C. Henderson for her service and dedication to Clan Henderson.

After a great day at the Games a number of Hendersons retreated to "Harry's Restaurant" at Jacksonville Beach for a wonderful dinner and great fellowship.

Chairman Herman Ibach of the Scottish Highland Games is to be commended for his help in organizing the return of the Scottish Games Jacksonville, Florida. Be sure to attend these Games in 1997.

## 1996 Sarasota Highland Games

by Harry Keifer

The 1996 Sarasota Games were held on 27 January at the Polo Grounds. It was a new location, well suited for the large crowds that attended. It was heard that some folks had been waiting in traffic to get into the parking areas for more than an hour. Hopefully, the games officials will have things ironed out for next year.

Clan Henderson was one of approximately 26 clans and societies attending. Thanks to Pat Maddox, we always had a steady stream of visitors at the COSCA table. Rex Maddox, (unaccustomed as he is to public speaking), Harry Keifer and Sue and Norm Gulkis greeted passers by and signed up 3 new members. Approximately 25 members signed the register book. Suzanne and Matt Keifer were busy with band activities. Matthew com-

peted in Grade 3 March and Pibaireachd, placing 4th and 1st respectively.

Unlike Orlando which was cold and windy, Sarasota was warm and sunny which probably was one of the major reasons for the huge crowds. There were several entertainers performing throughout the day in a large tent so you could sit and enjoy some great Celtic music and get out of the sun. Great food and a nice assortment of vendors rounded out the standard games activities of dancing, athletic and musical competition.

After the games, the Keifers opened their doors to Rosie O'Grady's (Suzanne and Matt's band). Evidently the word got out and two other bands also came to enjoy the evening. It was a great finish to a great Games.

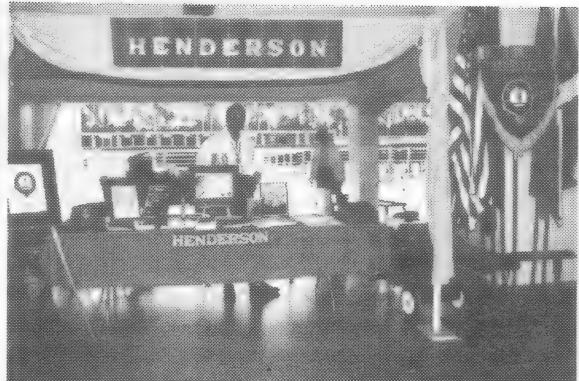
## Miami Games

by Harry Keifer

Clan Henderson returned to Miami for the 13th Annual Miami Highland Games. They were held at the beautiful Hialeah Race Track. We got there bright and early and were able to enjoy watching the race horses out for their morning exercise as well as a large flock of flamingoes feeding near the lake in the center of the track.

Thundershowers were predicted for later in the day, but they came through just before the opening ceremonies and cooled the day quite nicely. As the clan spaces and vendors had been placed under cover, the rain provided a good reason for folks to visit the exhibits to see what these Scots are all about. It was truly interesting to hear bagpipes in the middle of a very Hispanic neighborhood.

Harry manned the display by himself for most of the day because both Matt and Suzanne were busy competing. Suzanne took fourth place in her first Solo Tenor Drum competition. Matt took another first place in Grade III March. Orlando Pipes & Drums were second in the Grade IV Band Competition—this was Suzanne's first time in a band competition. It was a successful day for both of them. Harry didn't do



Clan Secretary Harry Keifer manning the Henderson booth at Hialeah

badly either welcoming three new member families.

This has been a year of Games relocation and each new site has its growing pains. We felt the clans were isolated from most of the activities, but Hialeah is a great location, easy to get to, and there is plenty to do in the area to make a nice weekend.

## 6th Annual Scottish-Heritage Awards Banquet Honors Notable Scottish-Americans

The 6th Annual Scottish Heritage Awards Banquet was held on 16 March 1996 at the William Henry Belk Student Center at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina. The gala affair honored Pipe Major Sandy Jones and Elizabeth "Beth" Gay, notable Scot-



Beth Gay received the Southeastern Region Commissioner's Award at Jacksonville from George Henderson.

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tish Americans.

The 1996 Flora Macdonald award, given to a woman of Scottish descent, who has made an outstanding contribution to the human community in one of several categories including: the Arts and Literature, Education, Religion, Public Affairs, Business and Economics or Scientific or Medical Research, was presented Mrs. Elizabeth "Beth" Gay.

Beth Gay is very actively involved in the Scottish-American community as Director of Public Relations for the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library in Moultrie, Georgia, which is a resource center for over 80 Scottish-American clan organizations and groups. She is also Editor of "The Family Tree," which is the largest Scottish/Genealogical publication in the United States. Beth is on the national staff of Clan Donald USA, the Clan Buchanan Society and Clan Gayre. She is an active member in the Clan Henderson Society and an Honorary Member of the Clan Home/Hume Society. She serves as the Dyess Sept Genealogist for the Clan Skene Society and is executive secretary for the Council of Scottish Clans. Beth is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and is a Dame of the Sovereign Military Order of the Knights Templar of Jerusalem. She writes a weekly column for "The Moultrie Observer" and a monthly column for her hometown newspaper, "The Florida Times-Union" in Jacksonville, Florida.

She operates the Henderson Scottish paperback lending library.



Clan Henderson on the march in Olde Town Alexandria

## Mid East Region

### Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk and Ceilidh

by Jeff Henderson II, FSA Scot

**S**aturday, 27 December 1995 was a nearly perfect day and there were about 60 Clan members who joined us for the Scottish Christmas Walk. It was the largest Scottish parade with the largest number of Scottish units participating, and there was a record crowd to watch us. We had the largest number of Hendersons ever, and we were probably the largest clan to walk in the parade through Olde Town Alexandria, Virginia.

Among those were Chieftain Claude, Ann, Russ, Judy, Jeff, Nancy, Janeil, Steve, Kathryn, Elizabeth, Bill, Cathy, Wallace, Pam, Chen, Carcan, Metta Lou, Mike, Joan, Robert, Tom, Dorothy, John, Doris and Mary Henderson. (Mary is my aunt who is visiting from Denver, Colorado.) Also, marching were Elizabeth and Charles Easter, Sharon Keifer, Jack Felch, Steffi Prast, Jean and Mike Fowler, Bill and Nancy Waggoner, Pat and Bob Connally, Sepp and Jessma Hoerdegen, Harry and Suzanne Keifer along with son Matt who stole the show as our Clan piper, Christi and Robert Heston, Jim and Rita Pettitt, Rex and Pat Maddox, Ina Agres and Richard and Linda Goodwin with Katie and Jamie. (Goodwins just returned to the United States after being stationed in Brussels, Belgium for three years.)

Our marching group extended for over one half a block. Following our piper, Matt Keifer, were Linda Goodwin with Katey and Jamey carrying the Henderson banner. Chip Whitton provided us with a Rolls Royce for those who felt that the

walk was too long for them. Four of our members walked beside the car with Henderson tartan flags. The Hobday daughters were at the end with a Henderson banner.

The Clan Officers among the group listed above were our President Russell Henderson, Secretary Harry Keifer and Treasurer Christi Heston. Along with Chieftain Claude we had quite of group of Clan Brass present.

The ceilidh was held at the beautiful home of our Chieftain and his wife Ann. The house was wonderfully decorated for the Christmas season and Claude and Ann made our large crowd of 45 feel most welcome. Many of those present had walkd through Alexandria. Two people we had not seen recently were Ricky and Patsy Utt who live in Manassas. We had an honorary Henderson with us to share in the fun, Andrew Neil Guthrie. Andy accused us at the Walk of hiring temps to march with us because we had such a great group.

## Canadian Region

**C**lan Henderson will be gathered at the following games this year by Cairns Henderson (902)429-1114: 6 July Metropolitan Games - Halifax, N.S.

13 July Antigonish Highland Games Antigonish, N.S.

20-21 July New Brunswick Highland Games Fredericton, N.B.

3 Aug. Piper's Picnic Earltown, N.S.

Other festivals in this region include: 20 July Festival of the Tartans New Glasgow, N.S.

14-18 Aug. Hector Festival Pictou, N.S.

1 July Gathering of the Clans - Pugwash, N.S.

Please come, meet and greet fe low members and enjoy these events with us.

## Tartan Day 6 April.

**F**irst celebrated in Canada in Nova Scotia in 1987

Last year, the government of Newfoundland proclaimed 6 April as Tartan Day and became the 9th province to do so. Only the province of Quebec has not proclaimed Tartan Day - the Scots societies within Quebec, however, still do celebrate Tartan Day with the rest of the country.

As a day to celebrate ones Scottish heritage, 6 April was not chosen by chance.

On 6 April 1320, the Declaration of Arbroath was signed by the Scottish nobles. This declaration later became known as a declaration of Scottish independence. Basically it states that, so long as there are 100 of us alive, we will never surrender to England.

So remember, on 6 April, wear your kilt, your tie, skirt or tartan jewelry, etc. and display to all this colorful representation of your ancestry.

## Nova Scotia Hendersons On The Web

**T**he Clan MacKay Society of Nova Scotia has created a web site on the internet which gives surfers information about the Scots societies and the clans which make up the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia.

Access the site at: <http://ccn.cs.dal.ca/Culture/FSCNS/FedHome.html>

The Clan Henderson pages from this site have been mirrored in the United Kingdom by Electric Scotland and can be reviewed at: <http://www.almac.uk/es/> Please contact Cairns Henderson(hender@ra.isinet.com) regarding any errors, omissions or deletions.

Cairns Henderson (from Nova Scotia) *Sola virtus nobilitat*

**Northeastern  
Region**

*Spring 1996*

## Update

by Gary Henderson

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**W**ell I have few things to tell you, first of all, thanks for keeping me in the loop at all. Hey! I finally got to meet you!

I had a fantastic time at the Arizona Games. It was great to get together with the other pipers of the various Clans to play a few tunes and it was even more enjoyable and an honor to play for the Clan march and walk about! Sean Hendricks should be commended for his set-up and organization, Sorry for not being able to make it to the ceilidh, I'm sure it was a great time. During my stay in Phoenix, visiting my brothers (Dave and Tom) I seen alot of interesting things such as, Sedona and the Red Rock Mountains, a few Indian dwellings (Tootzigot, Montezuma Castle, Casa Grande, Pueblo Grande) and Cactus's and Cactus's and Cactus's and yes beautiful desert.

I would like to make sure that in the next news letter, the members in this region know that Paul Roy Henderson is our new Commissioner and that I am his Deputy and my wife is Secretary with phone numbers and E-mail numbers for contacts—we could use all the help we can get, especially in the more Northeastern part of the region.

We would like to Thank Harold Henderson, the previous Commissioner for a very fine job and for which he was made Commissioner Emeritus- it's not over for him yet.

**Far South  
Region**



Kassie Shuffler and H.L. "Shorty" Henderson with the Convenro's view of the Village Green at Salado, Texas

## The 34th Annual Gathering of the Scottish Clans of Texas at Salado

**10-12 November 1995**

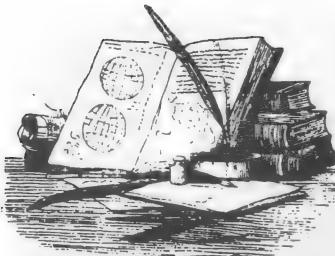
by Bill Shuffler

**T**he little village of Salado in Bell County, Texas was again the host for this historic event, sponsored by the Central Texas Area Museum. Clan Henderson Society activity was significantly increased in this second year of our participation in an organized manner. The Clan Tent, set up and manned by H.L. "Shorty" and Marge Henderson, and Bill and Kassie Shuffler, was a center of activity with our Tartan/Clan map, COSCA surname/clan cross reference, surname references, and other Scottish displays. We had more than fifty sign the register. As we noted at Arlington this last June, the Henderson's ARE beginning to come out of the woodwork in Texas!

The Genealogy Workshop was chaired by Bill Shuffler of Clan Henderson, who also presented a paper, "Search for Scots", providing information on special sources for Scottish genealogical and family history in the Southern U.S. and in Scotland. Some sixty people of Scots heritage attended and participated in discussions, use of a mini reference library, and exchange of data.

# From the Tree House

by Kirstie MacKay Holt



I'm a Scot living outside Edinburgh. As a genealogist, I travel into town daily to New Register House or the Scottish Record Office and I love to watch tourists getting their first glimpse of the castle from the morning commuter bus. They are literally reduced to breathless excited children, demanding the bus stop right now, so they can capture that moment on film.

There is a Camera Obscura beside the castle. It was devised long before video cameras. It involves a periscope, reflecting revolving mirrors, and a flat screen to view the 'live' panoramic sweep of the city. As you stand around the screen, the vista slowly changes. It's a bird's eye view, where sometimes you jump with fright as a bird's eye looks back at you. There are the Leith docks, the volcanic crag of Arthur's Seat, the little people in multi coloured anoraks basking at the top, next it's down to Princes Street and the crush of tourist and shopper. I got taken to it as a teenager by my mum, and was vaguely impressed, until the periscope alighted on the castle esplanade. Being so close to the scope the people were very large, you could practically lip read their comments about the soldiers and

their kilts swinging in the wind. Suddenly it stopped on a familiar face. "There's Dad!", I shouted out, totally blowing my teenage cool. Indeed he was waving his arm majestically about as he enlightened two young back-packers on the finer points of Scottish history.

I hear the same exclamations in Register House, as someone makes it through the maze of alternative spellings, the world of parish records and the mis-information of well meaning relatives. "There's my grandfather!". The computer has solved another puzzle. But is that all we're looking for, the bare name? For me, I want to understand the place where they lived and the conditions that shaped their movements. I want to stand in the exact spot where they have stood and feel a communion with them. I believe in genetic memory and the ability of some part of ourselves to recognise and even be lead to the past of our family. It is not a substitute for careful research. I'm certainly not advocating you join your direct line to that of Mary Queen of Scots because you feel an affinity with her.

When I was eight my grandparents took me to Inverbervie. Although my gran had never been there she knew what was around each corner. She was astounded at her feelings of somehow being at home. It was fifteen years later, when she was dead and gone that I discovered her eighteenth century direct ancestor came from Inverbervie, James Dorward, b23 Oct 1774, Bervie-d17 Aug 1863, Kinnaird, Perthshire)

For myself, the Henderson side of my family was always just a vague but intriguing story of somehow coming from Glencoe, until I stood in Carnoch village myself and felt the pull. I woke one morning with a compelling feeling I should drive to Glencoe. With not a soul about on a late Saturday afternoon I was drawn into the open school-

house, into the kitchen and asked the startled lady there where the graveyard was. Disappointed to be told that it was on an inaccessible island we started to chat and discovered her father and my great grandmother were first cousins. I had especially wanted to find out the death dates of her grand parents, Alexander Henderson and Mary McDonald, so I could get another generation back, but she didn't have any information past her mother and father.

Still excited from discovering our relationship though, we went over to her sisters' and I was greeted by a lady in the midst of sorting out a massive pile of photographs. When I posed the same question of when this couple might have died, she looked at me, then at the photograph in her hand, then back to me. Turning it towards me I could see :

In loving Memory of  
Alexander Henderson,  
late of Fallscroft, Glencoe  
Who died in Glasgow  
1st Feb 1879, aged 78 years

Also his wife  
Mary MacDonald  
who died in Glasgow  
21 Dec 1899 in her 84th year  
Lord thou hast been our refuge.

Ps xci

The photos had been up a loft for nine years and were being put into two piles, one for keeping, one for burning. That photo meant nothing to them so it was earmarked for burning that afternoon. Also within the pile was a photo of my great grandmother, Mary Flora McKay with their mother, Jane Sutherland Henderson.

They were able to tell me that my direct ancestor, Flora Henderson, b1844, Glencoe d11 July 1927, Greenock) was left behind in Greenock when her brothers and sister emigrated to Australia, she was under eighteen. That place their emigration, (Alan, Donald and



Miss McInnes had this picture of Kirstie's great grandmother (on the left), Mary Flora Mackay with her (Miss McInnes') mother Jane Sutherland Henderson. They are first cousins.

# Ceolann Gaidheal The Music of the Gael

by Joan McWilliams Weiss

## Preparing for the 1996 U.S. Gaelic Mod

**M**airi Sine Chaimbeul, a noted Gaelic singer, will be the Mod Adjudicator and Guest Artist at the Ligonier Highland Games, Saturday September 7, 1996. The U.S. Mod competitions in Scottish Gaelic poetry and song, along with Celtic harp, and work song demonstrations, will be featured from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the main stage.

*Mairi Sine Chaimbeul* was born and brought up in Plockton, on the west coast of Scotland, near the Isle of Skye. She has adjudicated at Mod Ontario, and has appeared on Scottish television, most notably in a half hour show illustrating the songs of her area. This was one of a series which presented many of today's best Gaelic singers.

In 1992, *Mairi Sine* won the Gold Medal for Traditional Singing. This

is a new competition at Scotland's National Mod which has become more and more popular since it was introduced in the 1970's. Scotland's original Gold Medal competitions require all competitors to sing the same prescribed songs. The new competition in singing traditional songs of the competitor's choice has renewed interest in the very old songs and a freer vocal style focusing on the song's message.

The U.S. Mod competitors have also been encouraged to research songs of their own choice. However, optional "Selected Songs" and a wonderful tutor tape are available to help learners. Mairi Sine has chosen and taped five songs that span the centuries—a slow air by a man from the Isle of Lewis, who died in Glasgow in 1954; a lullaby; two fine

work songs; a traditional spinning song; a waulking song attributed to a famous 17th century poetess; and *port a beul* (mouth music), a strathspey.

*Mairi Sine* is presently a teacher of Gaelic at *Sabhal Mor Ostaig*, the Gaelic College on Skye. Short courses, such as Gaelic Song, Piping, Small Harp, and all levels of Gaelic, attract students from the U.S., and around the world, to beautiful *Eilean A' Cheo*, the "Misty Isle". The college has full-time programs ranging from Business Administration to Gaelic Television, taught entirely through the medium of Gaelic.

The Mod welcomes newcomers! For information please drop me a note: Joan McW. Weiss, 4710 Essex Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

### From The Tree House continued

Annie) around 1860. Presumably her parents stayed as well, and died in Glasgow.

Sometimes the spotlight goes on in a place and you'd better be there or it just passes on by and you're in the dark again. As a New Year's Resolution, let's talk to our old relatives today, and not regret their unrecorded information passing out of this world tomorrow.

*Kirstie Mackay Holt*

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Could this be a Henderson son, back from Australia. Maybe it was he who set up the gravestone. Photograph obtained from Miss McInnes in Glencoe

When young and wilful, we oft do not the questions ask. When older and wiser, we find naught to ask the questions of.

# Happenings and More

The Saint Andrews Society of Detroit  
PO Box 3110  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106



Dear Kinsmen:

It's an honour to present myself to you wholeheartedly and sincerely.

For the past two years, I worked at the Fergus Highland Games displaying weapons and accoutrements of Scottish soldiers between the thirteenth and nineteenth centuries. Each year I made sure I spoke to the clan (Henderson) representatives and will always cherish the warm welcomes.

The history of how I became a Henderson is difficult to acquire completely, but none of it is fictitious. My family is comprised of Africans, Caribbeans, Native Americans, and Scots, thanks not only to Hendersons, but to MacDonalds, MacKays, Grants and MacFarlanes, as well.

My great-grandmother, Amelia Henderson, and her parents, Crawford and Leah, were Afro-Native Americans living in nineteenth century Georgia. Since there aren't any records of slavery in my family, the only way they could have escaped it was to live with their Native American relatives. I've been unable to find evidence of European Hendersons owning plantations and slaves.

Georgia was a royal colony, and it was full of England's "undesirables", including many of our highland brethren, driven out of Scotland for any reason.

During the Seven Years War, the 77th Royal Highland Regiment was

the only Scottish unit stationed in the area. The Scottish units assigned there during the American Revolution were the 42nd, 71st, 74th, 76th, and 84th. The War of 1812 brought the 93rd to that area as well. The regiments can document the recruitment of peoples of African descent. Either European Henderson, or African Henderson, assigned to any one of these regiments, made time to fall in love, or, maybe he was just a passerby who marched in as fast as he marched out.

Bless his soul, but as a result, he has well-educated and beautiful descendants.

I'm in the field of Historical Preservation, and a reenactor of Scottish soldiers between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Do correspond with me and share all Clan Henderson knowledge with me, for I am one of you.

Sola virtus nobilitat.

Xavier Allen

(In February Xavier sent word that he would be with the 84th Royal Highland Regiment, British Forces, on the weekend of 15-17 March to recreate the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, NC, located fifty-five miles north of Greensboro.

He invited kinsmen, family and friends to attend the reenactment.

We are sorry this An Canach will not reach kinsmen until after the event, but we called several members in NC to spread the word of Xavier's participation. We are delighted to have Xavier as a member of Clan Henderson.)

Linnmhore Guest House  
Park Road  
Strathpeffer  
Ross-shire

(This letter was written to Jeff and Nancy Henderson and they have passed it on to An Canach. Jeff and Nancy sent copies of An Canach containing their trip to Scotland article and the recommendation of the Linnmhore Guest to the own-

ers of Linnmhore Guest House.)

Thank you so very much for your quarterly newsletter. We found it very interesting and have shown it to many friends and guests.

We are honoured that you included our bed and breakfast in An Canach . . . I leave both your (article) "A Trip to Scotland" (from a past An Canach) and (the recent) An Canach on my hall table. At times they disappear overnight (in our guests rooms), but they always return.

Once again, thank you very much and I would be delighted to receive any further newsletters.

Kind thoughts,

Kay & Peter McLean

Show you are a part of Clan Henderson and invest now in a scarf, T-shirt, or a kilt to wear at Scottish activities . . . and for those Henderson walkabouts at Games. Many merchants carry the Henderson tartan items and the Clan has T-shirts saying "Clan Henderson."

30 December  
Leopoldsburg, Belgium

Dear Russ,

Best wishes to you, your family and the members of our Clan association. I hope that you like this picture during a parade as the piper.

As I had announced, I have just spent four weeks at Paderborn with my pipe teacher.

Now I am very busy. I'm taking a one year long and difficult course in order to become a Warrant Officer. Afterwards, I may be a RSM [Regimental Sergeant Major] or RQMS but that will be in a lot of years, I hope—it's an Old People's job, too much paper.

Happy New Year,

Laurent



Laurent Brakmeyn is the Henderson piper leading the parade in Belgium

**Clan Henderson Society  
Financial Summary  
1995**

Beginning Balance - 1/1/95	\$7,914.69
Total Receipts	10,212.29
Total Expenditures	9,838.66
Account Balance - 12/1/95	\$8,288.32
<b><u>Chief's Fund</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	2,977.00
Ending Balance	2,214.08
Operational Balance - 12/31/95	<b><u>\$6,074.24</u></b>

**Receipts:**

Membership Dues	6779.13
Henderson Goods	2,096.00
Donations	
An Canach	50.00
Canadian	29.26
Chief's Fund	187.00
Genealogy	427.00
General	345.00
Postage	7.00
Henderson Stone	50.00
Total Donations	2,096.00
Reimbursements	
Printersmark	219.45
Postage	22.45
Total Reimbursements	241.90

Total Receipts: 10,212.29

**Expenditures:**

President	233.60
Secretary US	526.74
Secretary CDN	88.02
Treasurer	152.54
Genealogist	174.64
Bodyguard	221.52
Convenors	35.00
Banking Charges	37.07
Total Administration	1,469.13
Total An Canach	2,725.80
Total Henderson Goods	3,153.85
Highland Events	
Grandfather Mtn	218.00
Stone Mtn	158.00
Total Highland Events	376.00
Promotional	
Advertising	1,150.96
Newsletter Contest	25.00
Charity	98.50
Louisville Pipe Band	100.00
Trophies	639.42
Youth Award	100.00
Total Promotional	2,113.88
Total Expenditures:	9,838.66
Account Balance	<b><u>\$8,288.32</u></b>

**Henderson Stone for  
Grandfather Mountain Cairn**

by Claude Henderson  
Chieftain, North America

**C**lan Henderson has presented its stone for the cairn to be built at MacRae Meadow, the site of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

The stone came from a site rich in the history of two great clans - Henderson and Donald - Glencoe. The significance is that on the eve of the Massacre in 1692, the tale is told that a government soldier took one of MacEanruig's sons out to a large rock - today known as the Henderson Stone - and told him of what was coming on the morrow by talking to the stone.

Clan Henderson now presents such a stone and its three wee sisters which were picked from the River Coe as it leaves the little Loch Triochtan at Ach Nam Beithe. The river flows on passed signal rock, the probable site of MacIain's murder, passed the Memorial Cairn and flows into Loch Leven at Invercoe. These turbulent waters of the Coe will no longer shape these red stones, instead, the gentle rain and the bright sunshine at Grandfather Mountain will be absorbed by them in their new life.

As the Hendersons are memorialized by a stone at Glencoe, so will they be at Grandfather Mountain.

Clan Henderson recognizes the work of Col. Lindsey Henderson, who requested that the stones be sent, and Peter MacDonald, of the MacDonald Hotel in Kinlochleven, who sought out these stones and sent them to us for the Cairn at Grandfather Mountain.

Gentlemen, thank you for your special effort.

**An Canach needs your help.**

Your editor needs help in pulling together this newsletter. Particulars will be provided to interested editors.

**Volunteer Positions:**

Events Reports Editor; Coming Events Editor; History Editor; Human Interest Editor; Genealogy Editor, plus authors in all categories.

**Requirements:**

Gather, edit, and provide final articles, typed and on disk—Photographs with captions—to Editor, An Canach

E-mail: EdAn Canach@aol.com

# Coming Events

(Ed. note: This information is the best we have at deadline. There are new events which are not here; and old events which no longer take place, but are here. I have little information from Canada and the west. The media does not carry all of the information either. Please contact your Regional Commissioner.)

## APRIL (an Giblean)

1 Whiskey Highland Games  
Pozo, CA  
6 Tartan Day (Can)  
6 Dunedin Games  
Highlander Park  
Dunedin, FL  
12-13 North American Cup Games  
Sarasota County Fairgrounds  
Sarasota, FL  
12-14 Culloden Highland Games  
Culloden, GA  
19-21 Loch Norman Highland Games  
Rural Hill Plantation  
Charlotte, NC  
26-28 Old Country School Festival  
Longview, TX  
27 Celtic Festival  
Balboa Park, San Diego, CA  
27 Kiowa Highland Games  
Kiowa High School, Kiowa, CO  
\*Joseph McElroy (303)690-2586  
27 Omaha Celtic Festival  
Omaha, NE  
27 Southern Maryland Celtic Festival  
Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum  
St Leonard, MD  
\*Steve Henderson (301) 350-6511  
27-28 Indian Springs Scottish Festival  
Indian Springs, GA  
27-28 Ozark Scottish Festival  
Batesville, AR  
27-28 Sacramento Valley Games  
Roseville, CA  
\*LarryMae Phillips(707)528-9892

## MAY (an Ceitean)

1 Beltane  
3-4 Central Virginia Scottish Festival  
Scotchtown, VA  
\*Jeff Henderson (703) 690-1504  
3-5 Sangre DeCristo Celtic Festival  
Canon City, CO  
4 National Capital Area Scottish Festival  
Rockville High School, Rockville, MD  
4 Spring Highlands Festival  
Edinboro Univ, Edinboro, PA  
4 Central Coast Gathering & Games  
El Chorro Regional Park,  
San Luis Obispo, CA  
4 Houston Highland Games  
Houston, TX  
4 MacAlester College Scottish Country Fair  
Shaw Field, St Paul, MN  
9-12 Savannah Scottish Games/Gathering  
Old Ft Jackson, Savannah, GA  
\*George Henderson (803) 359-1568  
10-12 Kentucky Scottish Weekend  
General Butler State Resort Park,  
Carrollton, KY  
\*Paul Whitty (502) 459-2001  
13 Marin County Highland Gathering  
Corte Madera, CA  
\*LarryMae Phillips(707)528-9892

16-19 Gatlinburg Highland Festival  
Gatlinburg, TN  
18 Colonial Highland Gathering  
Fairhill, MD  
19 Scottish Festival at Graymoor  
Garrison, NY  
24-26 Alma Highland Festival & Games  
Alma College, Alma MI  
24-26 United Scottish Games  
Costa Mesa, Orange Co, CA  
25 Rio Grande Valley Games  
Menuel School, Albuquerque, NM  
\*Robert Hindman(505)292-4884  
27 Memorial Day  
31, Fredericksburg Games  
1-2 Fredericksburg, VA  
June \*Jeff Henderson (703) 690-1504

## JUNE (an t-Og-mhios)

31- Glasgow Highland Games  
2 Jun Lucas, KY  
\*Paul Whitty (502) 459-2001  
1 Adirondack Scottish Games  
Crandall Park, Glens Falls, NY  
1 Bellingham Highlands Games  
Fernsdale, WA  
1 Ferndale Highland Games  
Ferndale, CA  
1 McHenry Highland Festival  
Garrett Co Fairgrounds, McHenry, MD  
1 Milwaukee Highland Games  
Milwaukee, WI  
1 Omaha Games (New)  
Omaha, NE  
1 Scottish Games and Gathering  
Tuolumne River Regional Park,  
Modesto, CA  
\*LarryMae Phillips(707)528-9892  
1-2 Celtic Festival  
Rio Grande, OH  
8-9 Texas Highland Games  
\* Maverick Stadium  
Arlington, TX  
8 Georgetown Highland Games  
Georgetown, ON, Canada  
\*John W. Henderson (613)273-2791  
8 Kansas City Highland Games  
Kansas City, MO  
\*John Henderson (816) 373-7447  
9 Steppingstone Museum  
Havre De Grace, MD  
\*Craig Henderson(410)692-5319  
15 Alaskan Scottish Highland Games  
Anchorage, AL  
\*Scott Kendrick  
15 Colorado Scottish Clan Games  
DeKoever Park, Englewood, CO  
\*Joseph McElroy (303)690-2586  
15 Chicago Highland Games  
Grant Park, Chicago, IL  
15 Delco Scottish Games  
Devon, PA  
15 Utah Scottish Festival & Games  
Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, UT  
15-16 Oatlands Celtic Festival  
Leesburg, VA  
\*Ronald McDonald (703)255-6116  
20-22 Ohio Scottish Games  
Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH  
\*Doug Henderson(216)476-8530  
21-23 Summerside Highland Gathering  
Prince Edward Island, Canada  
22 Concord Highland Games  
Naval Weapons Ctr, Concord, CA  
\*LarryMae Phillips(707)528-9892  
22 Loch Sloy Highland Games  
Ft. Erie, ONT, Canada

22 North Alabama Scottish Festival  
Sharon Johnston Park, Huntsville AL  
\*Henry McCarl, (205) 823-4419  
22 Red Deer Highland Games  
Westerner Altaplex, Red Deer, Alberta  
22 Scottish Picnic with the Clans  
Ft. York, Toronto, ON9892  
22 Tacoma/Pierce Co Highland Games  
Frontier Park, Graham, WA  
22 Tidewater Scottish Festival  
Chesapeake City Park, Chesapeake, VA  
\*Craig Doolittle (804) 599-6242  
22 Vancouver Highland Games  
Coquitlam, BC Canada  
22 Western Massachusetts  
Tricounty Fairgrounds  
Northhampton, MA  
25 Clan Henderson Day  
29-30 San Diego Scottish Games  
\* Rancho Santa Fe Park, San Marcos, CA  
\*LarryMae Phillips(707)528-

## JULY (an t-luchar)

1 Canada Day  
1 Gathering of the Clans  
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# Fare Thee Weel, '95

Good-bye tae the Auld Year,  
I'm no sorry tae see it go.  
I'm no sayin' it was a' bad,  
But there was aye the wee things  
That marred life's sweet flow.

—Like the time we went tae Florida,  
Just tae lie on the beach in the sun,  
And admire a' the scantily clad women.  
Naebody told us aboot the Hurricane.  
Wi' watter up tae the hubcaps,  
We were the one's who ended up swimmin'.

Och, it's aye the wee things.

—Like the time we went tae Scotland,  
Tae take part in oor nephew's weddin',  
And maybe hae a wee dram.  
Naebody told us aboot the Heat Wave.  
And me swelterin' in my kilt and Charlie jaicket,  
An' then we get stuck in a traffic jam.

Och, it's aye the wee things.

—Like the time we went tae Niagara Falls,  
Tae meet wi' oor Robert Burns cronies.  
I'm in the hotel room showerin', quite calm,  
When the fire bell starts ringin'.  
So, it's doon eight flights tae the street,  
Where I stand, hauf naked an' shiverin',  
Then the manager says, "Sorry folks. False alarm!"

Och, it's aye the wee things.

So we're lookin' forward tae the New Year,  
Where everything will turn oot for the best.  
But ye can be sure o' one thing,  
We'll a' be put tae the test.

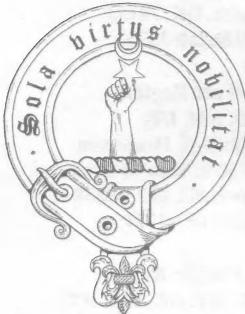
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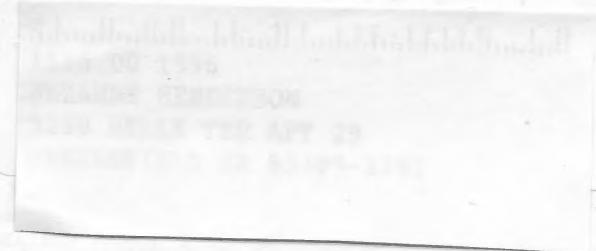


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